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The Rugrats Adventure

Children always seem to have very elaborate imaginations, taking ordinary objects and turning them into a day full of fun and adventure. One day they are playing house and another they are astronauts landing on the moon. But where do children get all of their crazy ideas and adventures from? I like to believe it is from things they see, read, and experience. For me that was Rugrats.

Growing up, every night before bed I would watch one episode of Rugrats. My parents didn’t like when my sister, Rachel and I would watch too much TV. They said it was a waste of time; that we needed to spend our time outside having our own experiences. So we were limited to only one show a day. I always picked Rugrats. It was my favorite show and I watched it so many nights that my dad recorded the episodes on a VCR tape, and he would play them on a little baby TV that I kept in my room.

Rugrats is about a group of babies that are all friends. Since they are babies they are kept in a playpen, or get to play in the backyard. Using their imaginations, the babies would go on a different adventure every day, the show would project what the babies saw. I believe this is what inspired many of my own adventures as a young child. I would always want to go on the adventures that the babies from Rugrats did, but I always made them my own.

“Time for bed!” my dad would say, and unlike other kids still full of energy and wanting to play more, I was excited. It was time to watch my favorite show, but first I always had to get ready for bed. We could never watch our shows until we had our teeth brushed, and were in our pajamas. Finally my Daddy would tuck me into bed. When I was all cozy under the covers, I would get to watch Rugrats, and the adventures would begin.

The next day I would reenact the adventures from the show. If the babies from Rugrats climbed a mountain then I would pretend I was climbing a mountain too. If the babies played house then I would get out my dolls and pretend to be a mommy for the day. Every day it was a different adventure, I wanted to be just like Tommy from the Rugrats.

One of Rachel and I’s favorite games to play when we were younger was pretending our play set in the back yard was a ship floating on hot lava. If we touched even one of the millions of wood chips around us then we would be sucked in and burnt alive. We would maneuver from different parts of the play set, swinging like pirates on the ropes of a ship from swing to swing, landing on the platform to the slide, or as we called it Captains Headquarters where we could steer the ship and see over the sea of lava.

When we would need to go get something or save someone we would launch ourselves across the monkey bars to get it and somehow always bring it back with us, managing to never drop it as we crossed the deadly lava sea. Sometimes when our parents would come outside to check on us we would pretend they were the bad guys. “Oh no we are under attack! The evil lava monsters are coming!” we would shout, and try to sail away.

All of the adventures my sister and I had come from watching Rugrats. Many children do the same thing. When a child uses there imagination they pull their ideas from things they have seen and experienced, shows they have watched, books they have read, and places they have gone all builds a child’s imagination, and helps to exercise their creativity. Without many of these things a child would not have many of the ideas that they do. We all know children have some crazy ideas; it is what we do that influences them.

Haven’t you ever seen it before? You take a child to the zoo and for the next few days the pretend to be the animals. You go see a movie and then the child wants do the same adventures. It doesn’t even have to be something big. A child will see their parents doing dishes or cleaning the house and then they pretend to do the same. Everything a child sees has an impact on their imagination, for me Rugrats influence my imagination as I was growing up.